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1. AS EXPECTED THE CONFLICT OVER RENEGOTIATION OF THE NATIONAL WAGE AGREEMENT REPORTED IN REFTEL HAS BEEN SETTLED BEFORE IT CAME TO A MAJOR

CONFRONTATION. THE IRISH CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS (ICTU) AND THE FEDERATED UNION OF EMPLOYERS (FUE) INITIALLED A REVISED AGREEMENT SEPT. 25 IN WHICH WAGES WILL BE TIED DIRECTLY TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX. FOR ITS PART THE GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN UP ITS BAN ON "SPECIAL" PAY INCREASES IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR, ALTHOUGH ALL HAVE AGREED TO "HARMONIZE THE NEGOTIATION OF SPECIAL CLAIMS WITH THE GENERAL OBJECTIVES

OF FIGHTING INFLATION AND SAFEGUARDING EMPLOYMENT" (COMMENT: NO ONE IS SURE WHAT THE LATTER PHRASE MEANS, AND APPARENTLY NO ONE WANTS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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KNOW AT THE MOMENT. THE PAPERS ARE CALLING IT A "FACESAVING" DEVICE

FOR THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN FORCED TO BACK DOWN).

2. THE STRIKE OF DUBLIN MUNICIPAL WORKERS, SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MONDAY, HAS APPARENTLY BEEN AGAIN POSTPONED PENDING FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS.

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